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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akio Ishii et al.

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For: CARBONACEOUS REFRactory MATERIAL  
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE  
CARBONACEOUS REFRactory MATERIAL

Examiner:

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Irvine, CA 92614

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 3. (Amended) The carbonaceous refractory material in the first claim, where the X-ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the  $Ti_3O_5$  to the face (111) of titanium carbide is 1 % or less.

Please add the following newly-drafted Claim 6.

1 2 6. (New). The carbonaceous refractory material in the second claim, where the X-ray diffraction peak intensity ratio of the face (200) of the  $Ti_3O_5$  to the face (111) of titanium carbide is 1 % or less.